

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

DENNIS JOHNSON,	:	
Petitioner,	:	
	:	
v.	:	Civ. No. 15-4965
	:	
SCOTT NICKELSON et al.,	:	
Respondents.	:	

ORDER

AND NOW, this 29th day of September, 2017, upon consideration of Petitioner's unopposed Motion for Stay and Abeyance of Federal Proceedings (Doc. No. 47), the Commonwealth's Response to Petitioner's Request for a Stay (Doc. No. 48), and Magistrate Judge Sitarski's Report and Recommendation (Doc. No. 49), to which no objections have been filed, it is hereby **ORDERED** that:

1. The Report and Recommendation (Doc. No. 49) is **APPROVED** and **ADOPTED**;
2. Petitioner's Motion to Stay Habeas Proceedings (Doc. No. 47) is **GRANTED**;
3. This action is **STAYED** and held in **ABEYANCE** pending exhaustion of state court remedies, and shall **REMAIN IN SUSPENSE** pending further Order of Court; and
4. Petitioner shall **FILE** a status report within thirty (30) days of the conclusion of the state court proceedings, and include a copy of the relevant state court disposition.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

/s/ Paul S. Diamond

Paul S. Diamond, J.